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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: US POSITION ON NEGOTIATIONS

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- 1. FYI, WE HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY SEVERAL WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES THAT THEY HAVE THEMSELVES BEEN APPROACHED BY ISRAEL WITH DETAILS OF THEIR CURRENT NEGOTIATING POSITION, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE USE OF US TECHNICIANS, AND REQUESTED THAT EGYPT BE URGED TO BE CONCILIATORY. THE US, IN THIS ISRAELI APPROACH, IS STATED TO BE IN SUPPORT OF THE ISRAELI POSITION. END FYI.
- 2. YOU SHOULD CONTACT FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO NORMALLY DEALS WITH MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS, ASCERTAIN IN A LOW KEY WAY WHETHER ISRAELIS HAVE MADE A SIMILAR APPROACH IN YOUR CAPITAL, SAY YOU UNDERSTAND SIMILAR APPROACH MAY HAVE BEEN MADE IN OTHER CAPITALS AND INFORM CONTACT SECRET

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THAT IT IS INACCURATE TO SAY THAT EITHER SIDE'S POSITION

## HAS US SUPPORT

3. YOU SHOULD SAY YOU ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS DETAILSOF THE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT YOU MAY SAY THAT US UP TO THIS POINT HAS SCRUPULOUSLY HELD TO THE ROLE OF CONVEYIN POSITIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES WITHOUT ENDORSING ONE OR THE OTHER. IN FACT, NEGOTIATIONS ARE AT A POINT NOW WHERE WE BELIEVE BOTH SIDES SERIOUSLY ENGAGED BUT WHERE THERE WILL HAVE TO BE FURTHER EVOLUTION IN POSITIONS OF BOTH. IF EUROPEANS ARE TO MAKE ANY APPROACHES, THEY SHOULD BE ALONG LINES OF URGING ON BOTH SIDES IMPORTANCE OF MOVING TOWARD AGREEMENT. KINSSINGER

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